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LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED PTO 1449 FORM

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that acknowledgement was not received for the PTO 1449 form filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on May 10, 2002.

Accordingly, a copy of the unacknowledged PTO 1449 form is attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return the initialed form to the undersigned as soon as possible.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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